

WASHINGTON COUNTY COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 17, 2012

The Regular Meeting of the Board of the Washington County Commission was called to order by Chairman Alan D. Gardner at 4:00 p.m. on January 17, 2012, in the Commission Chambers, Washington County Administration Building, St. George, Utah. Those in attendance were Chairman Alan D. Gardner, Commissioner James J. Eardley, Commissioner Dennis Drake, Washington County Administrator Dean J. Cox, Deputy County Attorney Eric Clarke, and Deputy County Clerk Christine Hall.

Commissioner Eardley led the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA

CONSENT AGENDA:

The Consent Agenda is a means of expediting routine matters which come before the Commission for approval. The Consent Portion of the agenda is approved by one (1) non-debatable motion. If any Commissioner wishes to remove an item from the Consent Portion of the agenda, then that item becomes the first order of business on the Regular Agenda.

- Consideration of Auditor-Approved Claims for January 4, 2012, through January 17, 2012
- Consideration of Regular Commission Meeting Minutes from December 6, 2011, December 20, 2011, and January 3, 2012
- Consideration of Administrative Adjustments: Real Property (attached)
- Consideration of Administrative Adjustments: Personal Property (attached)
- Consideration of Summary of 2011 Personal Property Exemptions (attached)
- Consideration of Approval of Standard Cooperative Agreement for Utah State University Extension Educational Work for 2012
- Consideration of Approval of Wildland Fire Budget between Washington County and Utah Division of Forestry, Fire, and State Lands for Calendar Year 2012

Actions of the Washington County Planning Commission Meeting 01/10/12:

General Plan Amendment: Consider an approval on an amendment to the Washington County General Plan by adopting a community plan for Pintura, Affordable Housing and the Private Lands portion (Section 7) of the General Plan. County Initiated.

The Planning Commission recommended that the County Commission approve an amendment to the General Plan by adopting a community plan for Pintura, with corrections made to paragraphs on Water and Fire, the Affordable Housing Plan and Private Lands portion (Section 7), with the following findings of fact:

- Public meetings were made where staff received input from the communities;
- Proper public notice was made.
- There were no comments, pro or con, during the Public Hearing.
- The Plan meets the Utah State General Plan initiative.

Conditional Use Permit Extension: Review extension to install the UNEV petroleum pipeline using the IPP/Kern River corridor for a fuel transmission line running through Washington County northeasterly to southwesterly. Trevor Townsend, applicant/agent.

The Planning Commission unanimously voted to recommend approval, subject to BLM Field Office approval on final inspection.

Conditional Use Permit Extension: Review extension for a staging area for pipe storage yard to be used on the UNEV Pipeline, containing 13 acres, the Fenton Bowler property in Veyo. Trevor Townsend, agent / UNEV Pipeline LLC, applicant.

All materials and equipment have been removed from the staging area site. The Planning Commission voted unanimously to recommend no action, so the permit will lapse.

Conditional Use Permit Extension: Review extension for Ironman St. George Triathlon to take place in Washington County on May 5, 2012. Jeff Gardner, agent.

The Planning Commission voted unanimously to recommend approval on extension for the 3rd annual "IRONMAN" St. George Triathlon.

Conditional Use Permit Extension: Request permission for the Utah Summer Games Triathlon to be held on June 16, 2012. The event will begin at Gunlock Reservoir and end at the Snow Canyon High School, traveling on County Road Old Highway 91. Jeff Gardner, applicant.

The Planning Commission voted unanimously to recommend approval on the automatic annual extension for the Utah Summer Games Triathlon.

Conditional Use Permit Extension: Review permit to locate four (4) wind towers on State Land near Anderson Junction; Jerry Eves/Southwest Wind Energy, applicant.

The Planning Commission voted unanimously to recommend approval for an extension of the Wind Energy Towers near Anderson Junction, subject to State Land agreement being submitted for Planning Office File on the project.

Conditional Use Permit: Request permission to operate an Ag Business on the J and J Guest Ranch for a petting zoo, fishing pond, group parties, and weddings on 58 acres within the A-20 zone near New Harmony. Kendell Prisbrey, applicant.

The Planning Commission unanimously voted to recommend approval of the Ag Business operations on the J & J Guest Ranch subject to the following Fact and Findings:

- The use is in harmony with the A-20 zone, specifically with County Code 10-7-3.
- A site plan has been submitted, reviewed and approved with some graveling of the parking lot and a few other minor changes.
- Complies with Washington County Ordinance Codes Title 10-18-6-A1 A - G.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Drake to Approve the Consent Agenda, as presented. Motion seconded by Commissioner Eardley and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Gardner, Eardley, and Drake voting aye.

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION:

EMERGENCY SERVICES REPORT / WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Emergency Services Director Pete Kuhlmann reported on behalf of Sheriff Cory Pulsipher. He said that there had been three search and rescue operations since the last report, with a total of one hundred and seventy-nine (179) man-hours donated.

PURCHASE REQUESTS / MARK BLANCH

Sheriff's Office, ammunition	\$ 75,089.97
Sheriff's Office, final lease payment on vehicles	\$ 165,771.77

All purchases are budgeted, bonded, or paid for through grant funds.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Eardley to Approve the Purchase Requests, as presented. Motion seconded by Commissioner Drake and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Gardner, Eardley, and Drake voting aye.

CONSIDERATION OF REDISTRICTING FOR ELECTIONS / KIM HAFEN

Washington County Clerk-Auditor Kim Hafen advised the Commission that his office has sent maps and redistricting plans to the Lt. Governor's Office for pre-approval. In the event there are corrections necessary, Mr. Hafen anticipates enough time to make those

changes before the formal consideration the Ordinance required to approve the redistricting, which will occur at a Special Commission Meeting on January 26, 2012.

Countywide maps were posted in the Commission Chambers of the House and Senate Districts that encompass Washington County. House District 62 is new, based on the results from the 2010 census, and comprises generally The Boulders, Stone Cliffs, St. James Place, and Little Valley areas, and the City of Washington. It contains fifteen thousand three hundred and eighteen (15,318) registered voters. District 74, represented by V. Lowry Snow, who recently replaced David Clark, has twenty thousand, one hundred and ninety-seven (20,197) registered voters; District 71 has eleven thousand three hundred and thirty-two (11,332); and District 75 has thirteen thousand seven hundred and forty-two (13,742).

In the Senate, District 29 (Steve Urquhart) has forty-two thousand, four hundred and seventy (42,470) registered voters, and District 28 (Casey Anderson) has eighteen thousand, one hundred and nineteen (18,119).

Mr. Hafen will return on February 7, 2012, to repeat this information for the benefit of television viewers.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-2012-1608, A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE FEES FOR THE WASHINGTON COUNTY LIBRARY

Washington County Library Director Britton Lund explained that non-resident library fees have not changed for many years. The purpose of this fee change is to bring the fees and privileges more in line with that which the average Washington County resident pays towards library charges on his or her property taxes. This fee change was reviewed and approved by the Library Board.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Eardley to Adopt Resolution No. R-2012-1608, A Resolution Amending The Fees For The Washington County Library. Motion seconded by Commissioner Drake and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Gardner, Eardley, and Drake voting aye.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-2012-1609, A RESOLUTION APPOINTING/RE-APPOINTING BOARD MEMBERS TO THE ST. GEORGE CONVENTION AND TOURISM OFFICE MARKETING ADVISORY BOARD

Commissioner Eardley sits on this Board and said that these members, and the proposed new members, are all capable and hardworking citizens.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Drake to Adopt Resolution No. R-2012-1609, A Resolution Appointing/Re-Appointing Board Members To The St. George Convention And Tourism Office Marketing Advisory Board, as follows: Matt Loo, Kyle Case, Rich Stehmeier, Don Fritchle, Ken Neilson, Gregg McArthur, Kaden DeMille, Mark Parrish, and Nicki Richards. Motion seconded by Commissioner Eardley and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Gardner, Eardley, and Drake voting aye.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-2012-1610, A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT A POLICY OPPOSING THE INTRODUCTION OF THE MEXICAN GRAY WOLF INTO WASHINGTON COUNTY OR AREAS WHERE IT WOULD LIKELY RANGE INTO WASHINGTON COUNTY

It was explained that as much public recognition as possible accompany the discussion of this item. In that the television crew is absent today, it will be postponed to the next meeting.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Drake to Table Resolution No. R-2012-1610, A Resolution To Adopt A Policy Opposing The Introduction Of The Mexican Gray Wolf Into Washington County Or Areas Where It Would Likely Range Into Washington County. Motion seconded by Commissioner Eardley and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Gardner, Eardley, and Drake voting aye.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-2012-1611, A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, UTAH, AMENDING CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF RESOLUTION NO. 299-A, DATED JULY 25, 1978, RELATING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF AN ADMINISTRATIVE CONTROL BOARD FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY SPECIAL SERVICE DISTRICT NO. 1, SPECIFYING THE NUMBER OF MEMBERS ON SAID BOARD, THEIR MANNER OF APPOINTMENT, AND OTHER MATTERS

Commissioner Drake said that this resolution sets out formally the issues required to bring this Board into compliance.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Drake to Adopt Resolution No. R-2012-1611, A Resolution Of The Board Of County Commissioners Of Washington County, Utah, Amending Certain Provisions Of Resolution No. 299-A, Dated July 25, 1978, Relating To The Appointment Of An Administrative Control Board For Washington County Special Service District No. 1, Specifying The Number Of

Members On Said Board, Their Manner Of Appointment, And Other Matters. Motion seconded by Commissioner Eardley and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Gardner, Eardley, and Drake voting aye.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-2012-1612, A RESOLUTION APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE CONTROL BOARD FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY SPECIAL SERVICE DISTRICT NO. 1

By the terms of the previous resolution, Washington County has two (2) appointees to the Special Service District No. 1 Administrative Control Board. Chairman Gardner recommended the appointments of Commissioner Dennis Drake and Mr. Michael Heaton.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Eardley to Adopt Resolution No. R-2012-1612, A Resolution Appointing Members To The Administrative Control Board For Washington County Special Service District No. 1, as follows: Commissioner Dennis Drake and Michael Heaton. Motion seconded by Commissioner Drake and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Gardner, Eardley, and Drake voting aye.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION R-2012-1613, A RESOLUTION APPOINTING/RE-APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE LAND USE AUTHORITY/PLANNING COMMISSION

The Planning Commission recommended the re-appointments of Julie Cropper, Mike Stucki, Doug Wilson, and Rick Jones to the Land Use Authority/Planning Commission.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Eardley to Adopt Resolution R-2011-1613, A Resolution Appointing/Re-Appointing Members To The Land Use Authority/Planning Commission, as follows: Julie Cropper, Mike Stucki, Doug Wilson, and Rick Jones. Motion seconded by Commissioner Drake and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Gardner, Eardley, and Drake voting aye.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORT

No items were presented today.

PUBLIC WORKS OR ROAD BUSINESS

No items were presented today.

COUNTY DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING BUSINESS

Administrator Dean Cox said that the Road Department is working on the Shoal Creek Road in the Enterprise area, and it is necessary to procure some road base for that project. The best price for that road base is offered by SunRoc: four thousand, seven hundred and seventy-nine (4,779) yards at six dollars and seventy-five cents (\$6.75) per yard, for a total of \$32,261.02. This material is needed urgently in order to finish this project and move on to other important work. Although the County will be buying this road base, it will be used on a Forest Service road project, so the Forest Service will reimburse the County for the expenditure.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Drake to Approve the Purchase of Road Base for the Shoal Creek Road Project from SunRoc, at a cost of Thirty-Two Thousand, Two Hundred Sixty One Dollars and Two Cents (\$32,261.02). Motion seconded by Commissioner Eardley and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Gardner, Eardley, and Drake voting aye.

Request a Closed Session

None.

Kim Hafen asked for the status of the proposed withdrawal of uranium mining on the Arizona Strip, and Commissioner Eardley said that a thorough discussion of that issue will occur at the next meeting, on February 7, 2012. Several other counties in Utah are continuing to oppose that withdrawal, and that effort is ongoing; however, the attorney retained by Washington County in that action is currently unavailable for comment.

There being nothing further to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 4:43 p.m.

CHRISTINE S. HALL
DEPUTY CLERK

ALAN D. GARDNER
CHAIRMAN